DASSC WRITING INQUIRY

YEAR 2

# Inquiry questions for the year:

* What does writing look like in the 21st century world of work as seen through a disciplinary lens?
* What are the implications for writing instruction based on the Common Core State Standards with its emphasis on the 21st century skills?
* What does it mean for students *as writers* to be “post-secondary workforce ready”?
* What is the current state of writing instruction and, given the above questions, what are the implications for educators?

# Goals for the year:

* Address the above questions and produce a product that answers the question:
  + A short document
  + Video snippets of local teachers, interviews with experts in the field
  + Samples of student work that illustrate answers to the questions
  + All the work would be publicly available on our wiki

# General outline of the year:

## Meeting 1, September 21, 2011, meeting location, Aurora

* Overview of the year’s study, including watching the 4 minute video “Above and Beyond” http://www.p21.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=1007&Itemid=239
* Speakers from the community in order to begin understanding “What does it mean for students as writers to be ‘post-secondary workforce ready’”?
* Focus on answering the question: What is meant by 21st Century skills:
  + Study various reports on 21st century skills (NCTE’s document, Partnership for 21st Century, NET Standards and others)
  + Prepare a synthesis and post on wiki

## Meeting 2, November 4 – Aurora (Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15701 E. 1st Ave. **Aurora** 80011)

* District perspectives: how are districts addressing 21st century skills and post-secondary workforce readiness?
* Speakers from the community
* In depth study of the Colorado Academic Standards and connection to 21st C. dispositions
* Additional reading and reflecting time
* Post insights and additional questions on wiki

## Meeting 3, Feb 1, 2012 – meeting location TBA

* Study NCTE’s document about the current state of writing instruction
* Speakers from the community
* Additional reading and reflecting time
* Post insights and additional questions on wiki

## Fri Apr 13 - 14, 2012 Conference

## Meeting 4: May 8, 2012, meeting location TBA

* Work session: pulling it together
* Creating the document that addresses the year’s inquiry questions